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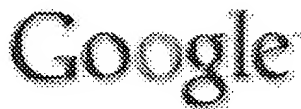
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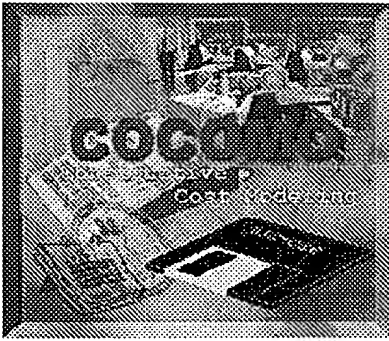
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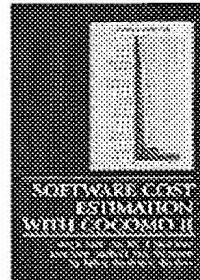

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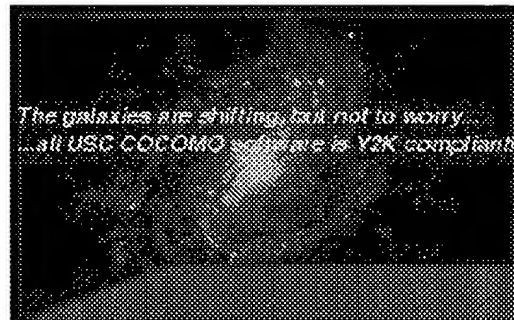
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## Introduction

COCOMO II is a model that allows one to estimate the cost, effort, and schedule when planning a new software development activity. It consists of three submodels, each one offering increased fidelity the further along one is

in the project planning and design process. Listed in increasing fidelity, these submodels are called the Applications Composition, Early Design, and Post-architecture models. Until recently, only the last and most detailed submodel, Post-architecture, had been implemented in a calibrated software tool. As such, unless otherwise explicitly indicated, all further references on these web pages to "COCOMO II" or "USC COCOMO II" can be assumed to be in regard to the Post-architecture model.

The implemented tool provides a range on its cost, effort, and schedule estimates, from best case to most likely to worst case outcomes. It also allows a planner to easily perform "what if" scenario exploration, by quickly demonstrating the effect adjusting requirements, resources, and staffing might have on predicted costs and schedules (e.g., for risk management or job bidding purposes).

The original COCOMO model was first published by Dr. Barry Boehm in 1981, and reflected the software development practices of the day. In the ensuing decade and a half, software development techniques changed dramatically. These changes included a move away from mainframe overnight batch processing to desktop-based real-time turnaround; a greatly increased emphasis on reusing existing software and building new systems using off-the-shelf software components; and spending as much effort to design and manage the software development process as was once spent creating the software product.

These changes and others began to make applying the original COCOMO model problematic. The solution to the problem was to reinvent the model for the 1990s. After several years and the combined efforts of USC-CSE, IRUS at UC Irvine, and the COCOMO II Project Affiliate Organizations, the result is COCOMO II, a revised cost estimation model reflecting the changes in professional software development practice that have come about since the 1970s. This new, improved COCOMO is now ready to assist professional software cost estimators for many years to come.

#### **Note on Nomenclature:**

The original model published in 1981 went by the simple name of COCOMO. This is an acronym derived from the first two letters of each word in the longer phrase *Constructive Cost Model*. The word "constructive" refers to the fact that the model helps an estimator better understand the complexities of the software job to be done, and by its openness permits the estimator to know exactly why the model gives the estimate it does. Not surprisingly, the new model (composed of all three submodels) was initially given the name COCOMO 2.0. However, after some confusion in how to designate subsequent releases of the software implementation of the new model, the name was permanently changed to COCOMO II. To further avoid confusion, the original COCOMO model was also then re-designated COCOMO 81. All references to COCOMO found in books and literature published before 1995 refer to what is now called COCOMO 81. Most references to COCOMO published from 1995 onward refer to what is now called COCOMO II.

(If in examining a reference you are still unsure as to which model is being discussed, there are a few obvious clues. If in the context of discussing COCOMO these terms are used: Basic, Intermediate, or Detailed for model names; Organic, Semidetached, or Embedded for "development mode," then the model being discussed is COCOMO 81. However, if the model names mentioned are Application Composition, Early Design, or Post-architecture; or if there is mention of "scale factors" Precedentedness, Development Flexibility, Architecture/Risk Resolution, Team Cohesion, or Process Maturity, then the model being discussed is COCOMO II.)

The software implementation of the model also follows a specific naming convention. The theoretical model is referred to as COCOMO II. The USC-CSE software implementation of the model is referred to as USC COCOMO II, to distinguish it from other academic or commercial implementations of the model. The complete designation of the first release of our implementation was USC COCOMO II.1997.0. There was a follow-up release called USC COCOMO II.1997.1. The next release of the tool is called USC COCOMO II.1998.0. The calendar year component of the designation (e.g., 1997, 1998) identifies the calibration. Within any given calendar year, only one official calibration of the model parameters will be released by USC. The current plan is to release a new calibration annually, as ever more historical projects get added to the calibration database, and as improved statistical techniques are applied to the calibration activity. However, while within any calendar year

there will only be one calibration release, there may be one or more releases of the USC software using that calibration. The final component of the full designation identifies the specific software release. Thus USC COCOMO II.1997.0 and ~.1997.1 have the same parameter values, and cost estimates made by either implementation can be directly compared. But the ~1997.1 version incorporated changes in the software which made the tool easier to use over the ~1997.0 version. USC COCOMO II.1998.0 has a completely new calibration, and thus its output *cannot* be legitimately compared directly with estimates made by either of the 1997 releases of the tool.

## COCOMO and Function Points

We would like to address two misconceptions about COCOMO, source lines of code (SLOC) and function points (FP):

Misconception 1. *COCOMO does not support the use of function points.* Function-point versions of COCOMO have been available since the Before You Leap commercial COCOMO implementation in 1987. COCOMO II supports the use of either function points or source lines of code. In both cases, this is done via "backfiring" tables of source lines of code per function point for source languages at different levels.

Misconception 2. *It is irresponsible to use SLOC as a general productivity metric, but it is not irresponsible to use FP as a general sizing parameter for estimation.* This breaks down into two cases:

2a. Your organization uses different language levels to develop software. In this case, it is irresponsible to use SLOC as a productivity metric, as you get higher productivity/SLOC at higher language levels. However, it is also irresponsible to use FP as your general sizing metric for estimation, as pure FP will give you the same cost (or schedule or quality) estimate for a program with the same functionality developed using different language levels, which is clearly wrong. To get responsible results in this case, FP-based estimation models need to use some form of backfiring to account for the difference in language level.

2b. Your organization always uses the same programming language (level). Here, it's responsible to use pure FP as your sizing metric for estimation. But it's also responsible to use SLOC as your productivity metric.

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- 14th International Forum on COCOMO -Call for Participation-(October 1999)
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## Papers and Presentations:

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The first USC-CSE implementation of COCOMO II was released to the general public in mid-1997. USC COCOMO II.1997 is calibrated to 83 data points (historical software development projects), using a 10% weighted-average approach (35kb) to blending empirical data with expert opinion to calibrate the model parameters. Over those 83 data points, the '97 release demonstrates an accuracy of within 20% of actuals 46% of the time for effort, and within 20% of actuals 48% of the time for a nonincremental development schedule.

USC COCOMO II.1998.0 *beta* was released in October 1998. The '98 version of the model has been calibrated to 161 data points, this time using a Bayesian statistical approach (119kb) to blending empirical data with expert opinion to calibrate the model. Over those 161 data points, the '98 release demonstrates an accuracy of within 30% of actuals 75% of the time (and within 30% of the actuals 80% of the time after stratification by organization) for effort, and within 30% of actuals 72% of the time (within 30% of the actuals 81% of the time after stratification by organization) for a nonincremental development schedule.

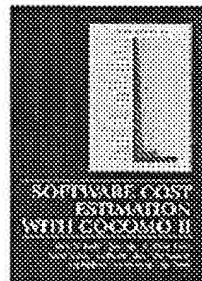
USC COCOMO II.1999.0 was released in mid-1999 and USC COCOMO II.2000.0 has been released in

conjunction with the publication of our new COCOMO book in July 2000. While each release of the USC COCOMO II tool has seen improvements in its user friendliness, for logistical reasons related to preparation of materials for our book, the 1998, 1999, and 2000 model calibrations are the same. That is, no new data points have been added to the database used to calibrate the 1999 and 2000 releases of the tool beyond those that appeared in the 1998 calibration database. The same 161 datapoints noted above appear in all three implementations. With publication of the new book achieved, however, our attention is again now focusing on improving the calibration of the tool itself, and it is anticipated that USC COCOMO II.2001.0 will indeed have a new calibration.

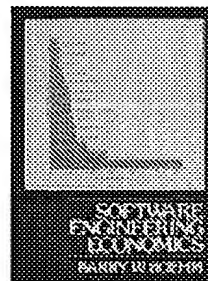
Finally, experience has shown that if an organization calibrates the multiplicative constant in COCOMO II to its own empirical data, the accuracy of the model can be greatly improved over the generic calibration results indicated above.

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## New COCOMO Book



**COCOMO II**  
(2000)



**COCOMO 81**  
(1981)

Once a calibrated version of COCOMO II was finally released to the public, the need to provide a single, concise, authoritative resource documenting the model and explaining the use of the USC COCOMO II software became apparent. To that end, members of the COCOMO research group have authored a book called *Software Cost Estimation With COCOMO II* (Prentice Hall, July 2000) shown above on the left. The book explains the theory behind the model, while keeping a focus on the practical informational needs of the professional software cost estimator.

Rather than as a replacement of *Software Engineering Economics* (Prentice Hall, 1981) shown above on the right, which was Barry Boehm's earlier text detailing the theory and application of COCOMO 81, this new book should be viewed as an updated supplement (in practical terms it supercedes about one third of the material in the original book). For the software professional, it serves quite well as a stand-alone resource, providing all the information needed to effectively apply the USC COCOMO II tool. For the student studying software economics, it complements Boehm's original text, omitting the broader discussions of software project management still valid in the earlier book, while providing insight into the changes in software development practice that have occurred over the past twenty years and which have made the development of COCOMO II necessary.

Both books can be ordered at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com):

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## Data Collection Program

The key factor in continuing to improve the predictive accuracy of COCOMO II is good data. As is explained in the introduction, annual releases of the tool to the public with ever better parameter calibrations are planned. This is contingent, however, on the continued addition of historical projects to the COCOMO II calibration database. To that end, **we are asking for the help of the software industry in collecting data**. If you or the organization you work for has the ability to supply software development project data, we would like to hear from you. The benefit to you for participating in data collection will be the availability of a more accurate predictive model for estimating your software project costs.

There are two ways in which to participate in the COCOMO II data collection program. The first is by returning to us completed hardcopies of the COCOMO II cost estimation questionnaire. The second, more recent, and simplest method is by returning to us on a floppy disk the saved project files created by you while using the USC COCOMO II software.

We have proven procedures that we have followed successfully for over four years to prevent the compromise of any information entrusted to us that could be considered proprietary by data suppliers. Moreover, we would be glad to discuss any specific accommodations you might need to permit your participation in this data collection effort.

For your convenience, we are providing below for download copies of the COCOMO II data collection instrument, and the standard data nondisclosure agreement USC-CSE enters into with most of our data suppliers. The USC COCOMO II software is available here.

For further information or to discuss participation in the COCOMO II data collection program, **please contact us**.

### Data Collection Documents:

- COCOMO II Cost Estimation Questionnaire *Updated October 1998*
  - Postscript format (920kb)
  - PDF format (155kb)
  
  - USC-CSE Data Nondisclosure Agreement
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    - PDF format (12kb)
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The COCOMO II Affiliates' Program enables interested organizations to participate in the development and definition of COCOMO II. In return for their financial support and technical assistance, the program provides Affiliates with evolving model definitions, tools for experimentation, and opportunities to provide feedback. The program also provides Affiliates with associated reports, tutorials and model tailoring guidelines, as well as participation in workshops on COCOMO II and related issues. Affiliate members also receive calibrated releases of the USC COCOMO II software well before the public at large.

For your convenience, we are providing for download a copy of the COCOMO II Affiliates' Program Prospectus, which describes the program in detail, and also contains a program membership form. For further information or to discuss participation in the COCOMO II Affiliates' Program, [please contact us](#).

- COCOMO II Affiliates' Program Prospectus *Published Sept. 1995 - update pending*
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### Note:

*The COCOMO II Affiliates' Program is not to be confused with the more encompassing [USC-CSE General Affiliates' Program](#).*

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# COCOMO Frequently Asked Questions

For answers to the most frequently asked questions about COCOMO go [here](#).

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## COCOMO II Downloads (Software and Documentation)

*All USC COCOMO II software is Y2K compliant.*

The various USC software implementations of COCOMO II have been developed by graduate student programming teams under the leadership of [Dr. Ellis Horowitz](#). The tool is available for Unix, Microsoft Windows, and Java-enabled environments. The program files download in compressed format and need to be unzipped with the appropriate utility.

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### USC COCOMO II.1999.0 Software (Implementations of Post-architecture and Early Design models):

- [SunOS 4.x and 5.x platforms \(2.13mb\)](#)
- [Windows 95/98/Windows NT platforms \(3.26mb\)\\*](#)

*\*This is a self-extracting program that installs USC COCOMO II.1999.0 and Excel Analyzer Tool which imports into Excel 97 a CSV data file exported from COCOMO II.*

### 1999 Documentation:

- COCOMO II Model Manual *Updated 10/02/1998*
  - [Postscript](#) format (1.60mb)
  - [PDF](#) format (252kb)
- USC COCOMO II User's Manual *Updated 2/05/1999*
  - [Postscript](#) format (4.17mb)
  - [PDF](#) format (844kb)

### USC COCOMO II.1998.0 Software (Post-architecture implementations only):

This is a beta version.

- [SunOS 4.x and 5.x platforms \(1.95mb\)](#)
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#### 1998 Documentation:

- COCOMO II Model Manual *Updated 10/02/1998*
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- USC COCOMO II User's Manual *Updated 10/02/1998*
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#### USC COCOMO II.1997.2 Software (Post-architecture implementations only):

The ~97.2 software corrects a bug in the calibration function found in the USC COCOMO II.1997.1 implementation.

- SunOS 4.x and 5.x platforms (1.85mb)
- Windows 95/Windows NT platforms (545kb)
- Java USC COCOMO II.1997.2 (experimental) (530kb)

#### 1997 Documentation:

- COCOMO II Model Manual
  - Postscript format (1.45mb)
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- USC COCOMO II Reference Manual
  - Postscript format (1.61mb)
  - PDF format (216kb)

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## COCOMO II Web-based Software

(Experimental Programs)

#### COCOMO II Software (Post-architecture implementations only):

- Run Java USC COCOMO II.1997.2\*

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- Run Expert COCOMO II with Risk Assessment\*

*\*Developed by Dr. Ray Madachy, this is an innovative COCOMO II implementation that uses heuristics to flag potential risks found in specified project development conditions.*

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# COCOMO II Software Known Problems

For discussions of known bugs in USC COCOMO II software go [here](#).

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## Commercial COCOMO II Software

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By  
Softstar Systems  
Amherst, NH

### Cost Xpert

By  
Cost Xpert Group  
San Diego, CA

### ESTIMATE Professional

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Software Productivity Centre  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

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## COCOMO 81

### **Description:**

COCOMO 81 is a model that allows one to estimate the cost, effort, and schedule when planning a new software development activity, according to software development practices that were commonly used in the 1970s through the 1980s. It exists in three forms, each one offering greater detail and accuracy the further along one is in the project planning and design process. Listed by increasing fidelity, these forms are called Basic, Intermediate, and Detailed COCOMO. However, only the Intermediate form has been implemented by USC in a calibrated software tool.

The implemented tool provides cost, effort, and schedule point estimates. It also allows a planner to easily perform "what if" scenario exploration, by quickly demonstrating the effect adjusting requirements, resources, and staffing might have on predicted costs and schedules (e.g., for risk management or job bidding purposes). Over 63 data points in the COCOMO 81 calibration database, the Intermediate form demonstrates an accuracy of within 20% of actuals 68% of the time for effort, and within 20% of actuals 58% of the time for a nonincremental development schedule.

COCOMO 81 has a rich legacy. Originally published by [Dr. Barry Boehm](#) in 1981 under the simple name COCOMO, it went on to become (and arguably remains) the most widely used software project cost estimation



model throughout the world. It has also existed in other incarnations, the most prominent being Ada COCOMO. After nearly twenty years of solid service, however, it is finally being retired in favor of COCOMO II, which models the way software is built today in the 1990s, and will continue to be built well into the new century.

### Reference:

Boehm, Barry W., *Software Engineering Economics*, Prentice Hall, 1981.

Dr. Boehm's 1981 book is still the most complete resource for information regarding original COCOMO, as well as providing a wealth of material that will improve one's understanding and application of COCOMO II.

### COCOMO 81 Downloads (Software and Documentation):

*All USC COCOMO 81 software is Y2K compliant.*

The USC COCOMO 81 implementations were developed by graduate student programming teams under the direction of Dr. Ellis Horowitz. Expert COCOMO 81 was developed by Dr. Ray Madachy. The web-based COCOMO 81 Calculator was developed by Dr. Brad Clark. The program files download in compressed format and need to be unzipped with the appropriate utility.

#### USC COCOMO 81 Software (Intermediate model only):

- SunOS 4.x with Motif platform (1.47mb)
- Windows 3.1/95/NT platforms (392kb)

#### Documentation:

- USC COCOMO 81 Reference Manual
  - Postscript format (717kb)
  - PDF format (400kb)

#### Alternate COCOMO 81 Software (Intermediate model only):

- Expert COCOMO 81 with Risk Assessment\*
- Macintosh (Apple Computer, Inc.) platform (265kb)

*\*This is an innovative COCOMO 81 implementation that uses heuristics to flag potential risks found in specified project development conditions.*

#### COCOMO 81 Web-based Software (Intermediate model only):

- Run COCOMO 81 Calculator

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## Related Research

- Software Process Modeling with Systems Dynamics
- Effects of Software Process Maturity on Software Development Effort
- Calibrating Software Cost Models Using Bayesian Analysis (119kb)
  - Software Cost/Quality Estimation (77kb)

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# Cost Estimation Bibliography

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Beginning with COCOMO itself, The COCOMO Suite is a collection of six COCOMO-related estimation models in various stages of development. These models attempt to estimate impacts on software system cost, development schedule, and even return on technology investment associated with a variety of software development approaches and processes.

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Walker Royce

December 1990

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Due to the large number of product, project and people parameters which imp efforts, measurement of software product quality is a complex undertaking. Fu from which quality is measured (customer satisfaction) is intangible. While we quality of a software product is, we can determine the relative quality, the ad pragmatic considerations, and ident ...

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Norman E. Fenton, Martin Neil

May 2000

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### 3 Papers: Estimating software projects

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Software Cost Estimation (SCE) continues to be a weak link in software project management. It is the responsibility of the project manager to make accurate estimations of effort and cost. This is particularly true in competitive bidding where a bid too high compared with competitors would result in a loss to the organization. From an estimate, the management can make decisions about the project. Industry has ...

Keywords: Estimation, risk, software engineering, software project

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In this paper, we present a "forward-looking" decision support framework that uses simulation models of the software development process in order to support the management of project performance. This forward-looking approach provides predictions of project performance and helps in making management decisions. Tradeoffs among performance measures are accomplished using Limits (OBCLs) and are augmented using multi-criteria utility ...

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Cara Stein, Letha Etzkorn, Dawn Utey

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Software metrics can provide an automated way for software practitioners to gather information earlier in the software development lifecycle. This information is available, the much more expensive to make later in the lifecycle. Semantic metrics, introduced by Stein et al., compute software metrics according to the meaning of the software's functionality in its domain. Syntax metrics, which use syntax measures ...

Keywords: design, design document, object-oriented software, semantic metrics

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David P. Kelly, Robert S. Oshana

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Prem Devanbu, Sakke Karstu, Walcéllo Melo, William Thomas

May 1996 Proceedings of the 18th international conference on Software engin

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How much can be saved by using existing software components when develop increasing adoption of reuse methods and technologies, this question become: actual cost savings due to reuse is difficult. A worthy goal would be to develop indirectly by analyzing the code for reuse of components. The focus of the pap published software reuse metrics measure the "t ...

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Forrest Shull, Jeffrey Carver, Guilherme H. Travassos

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William Frakes, Carol Terry

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As organizations implement systematic software reuse programs to improve p  
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models. In this article we survey metrics and models of software reuse and re  
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quality, reusability, reusability assessment, reuse, reuse level, reuse library n  
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Sandeep Purao, Vijay Vaishnavi

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We survey metrics proposed for object-oriented systems, focusing on product  
purposes of understanding, classifying, and analyzing ongoing research in obj  
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Keywords: Software metrics, measurement theory, object-oriented metrics, ol  
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Victor R. Basili, Lionel C. Briand, Walcélio L. Melo

October 1996

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Richard E. Fairley

June 1992

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Steven C. Bilow, Doug Lea, Karl Freburger, Dennis de Champeaux

April 1993 ACM SIGPLAN OOPS Messenger , Addendum to the proceedings on Obj languages, and applications (Addendum), Volume 5 Issue 2

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Thomas Kunz, Michiel F. H. Seuren

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Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualiza are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the applica Poet, an event tracer developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these do not provide the user with the desired overview of the application. In our ex occurrences of non-trivial commun ...

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A. S. Duncan

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Ginny Ooi, Christina Soh

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This paper proposes the use of the Activity Based Costing (ABC) approach to software estimation, traditional approaches to software estimation, ABC provides man-day estimation and cost information that is useful for management control and decision making. The approach can be applied to software estimation by building an ABC model using data from a financial services firm. The model is then used for...

Keywords: IS project planning, activity-based costing, effort estimation, organizational measurement, time and cost estimation

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Melanie Ruhe, Ross Jeffery, Isabella Wiczorek

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In this paper, we investigate the application of the COBRA method (Cost Based Assessment) in a new application domain, the area of web development. COBRA is based on data on a small number of projects to develop cost estimation models, which can be used for benchmarking purposes. We modified and applied the method to the web application development specializing in web development. In this paper we present...

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Joseph D. Horton, Alejandro López-Ortiz

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Internet topology information is only made available in aggregate form by statistics and information and latency characteristics must therefore be inferred using indirect measurements using a distributed set of measurement points or beacons. We number of required beacons on a network under a BGP-like routing policy is  $N(n-1)$ -approximable. In the worst case at least  $(n-1)/3$  a ...

Keywords: NP-hard, approximation algorithms, internet tomography, network networks, topology discovery

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Ahmed Helmy, Sandeep Gupta, Deborah Estrin

February 2004

IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (TON), Volume 12 Issue 1

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The advent of multicast and the growth and complexity of the Internet has caused the need for a new method of evaluation. Evaluation of Internet protocols usually uses random scenarios or average case analysis. Such approach may be useful for average case analysis but does not cover boundary-point scenarios. To synthesize boundary-point scenarios, a more systematic approach is needed. This paper presents a method for automatic synthesis of w ...

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Wayne Stidolph

January 2000

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This report summarizes the Product/Technology demonstrations given at Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Evolutionary Design of Complex Software (EDCS) Program Demonstration Days, January 1999, Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA.

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Gail E. Kaiser

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Lena Mamykina, Catherine G. Wolf

December 2000

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This paper describes the evolution of a concept, Contact Point, the research project context and practices which drove its evolution. Contact Point is a web-based system that helps a business manage its relationships with its customers. It can also be used within a business to manage a relationship between parts of the business. In this paper we describe a study of the evolution of the technical services organization's relationship with its customers.

Keywords: case study, design process, help desk, user needs, user-centered design

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Emilia Mendes, Nile Mosley, Steve Counsell

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Analogy-based estimation has, over the last 15 years, and particularly over th approach with comparable accuracy to, or better than, algorithmic methods in potentially easier to understand and apply; these two important factors can c estimation methods within Web development companies. We believe therefore examined further. This paper compares several m ...

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Marjory S. Blumenthal, David D. Clark

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